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Diagnoses of New Amphibians and Reptiles from Iran

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Through the courtesy of Dr. F. W. Braestrup and his colleagues at the Universitetets Zoologiske Museum of Kobenhavn, the collections of amphibians and reptiles made in the course of the Danish Scientific Investigations in Iran were entrusted to me for report. This report is in the hands of the editor of the publications of the *Investigations*; but as publication is necessarily somewhat delayed, Dr. Braestrup has suggested the preliminary publication of the diagnoses of the new forms. These are the salamander *Neurergus crocatus kaiseri*, the toad *Bufo luristanicus*, and the gecko *Pristurus rupestris iranicus*.

Neurergus crocatus kaiseri, new subspecies

Diagnosis. A member of the formenkreis of the salamandrid salamander *Neurergus crocatus*; distinguished by the confluence of the dorsal light spots into an irregular yellow middorsal band, bordered on each side by a continuous broader black band; undersurface immaculate except for occasional invasion of lateral black spots; head black with bold yellow markings, one from between the eyes to the snout, confluent with a labial spot extending backward to the eyes on each side, and with a rounded temporal spot confluent with the ventral color behind a subocular black bar; dorsal edge of tail black, ventral edge light.

Type and allotype. Universitetets Zoologiske Museum Kobenhavn, field numbers 8 and 6, male and female, from Shah Bazan, Luristan, Iran. Collected April 28, 1937, by E. W. Kaiser.

The forms of *crocatus* are:

Neurergus crocatus crocatus Cope, Mts. West of Lake Urmia (Type locality, Lake Urmia).

Neurergus crocatus strauchi Steindachner, Musch, Eastern Anatolia.

Neurergus crocatus subsp., Buldur, Western Anatolia.

Neurergus crocatus microspilotus Nesterov, Avroman-Dagh, Kurdistan.

Neurergus crocatus kaiseri subsp. nov., Shah Bazan, Luristan.

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***Bufo luristanicus*, new species**

Diagnosis. A small *Bufo* with no cranial ridges and with dorsal skin tuberculate; tympanum distinct; parotoids broad and flat, as wide as long; dorsal markings only on the limbs.

Type. Universitetets Zoologiske Museum Field No. 102, from Shah Bazan, Luristan, Iran, a male specimen, collected April 22, 1937, by E. W. Kaiser.

Bufo luristanicus appears to be related to *Bufo viridis*, of which a large series from various localities in Iran is available for comparison; the new form is perhaps more directly related to *Bufo persicus* Nikolsky, from which it is distinguished by having a more distinct tympanum and shorter hind limbs.

***Pristurus rupestris iranicus*, new subspecies**

Diagnosis. A small gecko of the genus *Pristurus*, with rostral plate entering the nostril; hind limb reaching the ear-opening; upper caudal keel a crest of flattened backwardly directed spines; no middorsal light line; and throat and chin heavily spotted with black.

Type. Universitetets Zoologiske Museum Kobenhavn, Field No. 143, from Bushire, Iran. Collected March 10, 1937 by E. W. Kaiser.

The subspecies *iranicus* needs comparison only with the typical form from the Arabian Peninsula. Blanford's specimens from Kharg Island (off Bushire) are described as having spotted throats, whereas his Muscat specimens were stated to be unspotted. The type locality of *rupestris* is herewith restricted to Maskat [= Muscat], Arabia.